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SMILE THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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This Weeks's Speaker: Thomas Melville



Tom Melville has been the Executive Director of The Literacy Council of Sarasota (LCS) since February, 2014. Having relocated from Monterey, California and buying a new home, Tom brings with him almost 20 years of nonprofit executive management experience. A military veteran with over ten years on active duty, his previous positions also include working with homeless organizations, HIV/AIDS service agencies, coalitions, and with community foundation development and fundraising.

Our next few speakers.....

February 1 – Meg Lowman: Myakka Canopy Walk

February 8 – Clint Hurdle: Pittsburgh Pirates

February 15 – Sheriff Tom Knight



YOU ARE CONTINUING TO HELP MAKE SARASOTA BETTER PLACE though your support to the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation! At its January board meeting, the directors, after extensive research and discussion, approved the following grants:

Children First Revitalized Playground	\$7,960.34*
Visible Men Academy Reading Mastery Program	\$2,500.00
Visible Men Academy On-Site Food Pantry	\$2,500.00
Salvation Army Toys for Pre School and elementary	\$5,300.00*
Embracing our Difference Elementary School Sponsor	\$5,000.00

***Thanks to restricted contributions from Ron Rayevich, these requests have been increased to \$8,000 and \$6,800 respectively.**

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PREVIOUS MEETING (1/18/17) by Ron Rayevich

As one who really enjoys the circus, it was distressing to learn about the demise of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus last week (The Greatest Show on Earth), preceded by the loss of the Cole Bros. and Big Apple Circuses.

Our Wednesday meeting speakers could not have been more timely. **John Wohlwend**, a long time member of the Rotary Club of Bloomington/Normal Sunrise (Illinois) and consummate volunteer, provided the introduction for our four various speakers, **Father Jerry Hogan** and **Father Richard Notter**, who serve as Chaplains to the U.S. circus community and, respectively, as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the **Circus and Traveling Shows (CATS) Retirement Project**, and **Tino Wallenda** and **Michael Angelo Noch**, both members of the our famous local circus families. Together, these five men are involved in beginning of a winter quarters retirement home for the many circus show people, who have been long time performers or circus hands, but have no retirement program and no place to which to retire. Their initial plan is to develop housing for trailers (six so far) and eventually a retirement home devoted to circus performers and long time circus hands, who have given their lives to our entertainment.

Thanks to **John Wohlwend** for bringing the worthwhile cause to our attention.

Stoves Save Lives For \$155! Stop the Smoke!
Please contact Paul Mlotok at paul@janaka.org for more details

Give to the Guatemala Stove Project!

Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

Saturday Mornings at 9:00am - Panera Bread at Bahia Vista
Rotarians and significant others welcome at this informal Rotary social gathering.

Every Monday Night for Snacks and Drinks!

Monday Evenings at 5:30 pm - Social Eatery and Bar -1219 First St.

Bring a Friend!!!